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FROM TODMAN FOR CHARGE

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: SAN JOSE YOUTH SYMPHONY'S WASHINGTON PERFORMANCE

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT MINISTER OF CULTURE GUIDO SAENZ TO RELAY FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM AMBAS-SADOR TODMAN RE SAN JOSE YOUTH SYMPHONY PERFORMANCE IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

2. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE WHITE HOUSE INTEREST IN THE YOUTH SYMPHONY VISIT. I PERSONALLY AM EAGER TO HEAR AGAIN THIS IMPORTANT COSTA RICAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARTS AND TO YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT.

3. I UNDERSTAND YOU FIND JUNE 4 AND 5 ACCEPTABLE AS DATES FOR THE PROPOSED PERFORMANCES IN WASHINGTON.

4. PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SAN JOSE-U.S.-SAN JOSE. IN VIEW OF PAN AM'S NEED TO
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TRANSPORT THE SYMPHONY IN TWO GROUPS ON SEPARATE DAYS, ONE GROUP SHOULD BE PREPARED TO FLY SAN JOSE-NEW YORK ON JUNE 1. THIS GROUP WILL SPEND THAT NIGHT IN NEW YORK CITY AND WILL BE PROVIDED BUS TRANSPORTATION TO WASHINGTON, D.C., ON JUNE 2. THE SECOND GROUP SHOULD

PLAN TO FLY DIRECTLY TO WASHINGTON, D.C., ON JUNE 2.

5. JUNE 3 WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR REST AND FOR REHEARSALS.

6. WE HOPE THE SYMPHONY WILL AGREE TO A JOINT PERFORMANCE WITH THE D.C. YOUTH SYMPHONY AT THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS EVENING JUNE 4. WHITE HOUSE PERFORMANCE IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 5 ON THE WHITE HOUSE LAWN SINCE WHITE HOUSE ITSELF CANNOT ACCOMMODATE A GROUP OF THIS SIZE PLUS AUDIENCE.

7. SYMPHONY MEMBERS WILL BE PERSONAL GUESTS OF THE FAMILIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE D.C. YOUTH SYMPHONY AND WILL STAY IN THEIR HOMES.

8. WE ANTICIPATE A DEPARTURE DATE FROM WASHINGTON OF JUNE 6.

9. WE ARE EXPLORING A BROAD RANGE OF SOURCES OF FINANCING AND WE ARE INCREASINGLY HOPEFUL THAT THE FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF THE TRIP WILL BE FINALIZED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

10. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT OTHER CITIES ARE INTERESTED IN EXTENDING INVITATIONS TO THE SYMPHONY. HENRY RAYMONT, CULTURAL DIRECTOR OF THE OAS, WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU ABOUT ANY ADDITIONAL STOPS YOU MAY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WISH THE SYMPHONY TO MAKE.

11. WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR RESPONSE TO OUR PRELIMINARY PLANS AS OUTLINED ABOVE. VANCE

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